

**iAwards 2014 Getting Things Done**

# IAWARDS

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## Background

The iAwards were established in 1995 by the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) and has become the premier technology awards platform in Australia delivering the most comprehensive awards programme that recognises the achievements and innovation made in ICT across all facets of our economy.

To honour companies at the cutting edge of technology innovation as well as leading professional people across the ICT industry, the AIIA was joined by the Australian Computer Society (ACS) and the Pearcey Foundation in 2011. Our goal is to discover, recognise and award companies and people who can achieve change through innovation that drives productivity across the Australian economy.

The iAwards programme is conducted through the AIIA as the contracting organisation under a MOU signed by the three Host Organisations (AIIA, ACS and Pearcey) and is governed by a Steering Committee made up of two delegates from each of those organisations. Under the terms of the MOU because the AIIA is the contracting party the Steering Committee is chaired by one of the two AIIA delegates.

The iAwards is an awards programme with seven domains - Development, Industry, Pioneer, Professional, Service, Society and Students. The iAwards are judged first in each state and territory usually by early June then at a national level during August (in 2014 this will be on 29 August) with one company being recognised as the best of the best with the inspiration award sponsored by the Victorian Government and presented at the Gala Dinner. MasterClass, Australia 3.0, Marketplace, Innovation Showcase and CIO Roundtable enhance and compliment the awards programme helping to connect the iAwards with industry to achieve our overall goal of

## Getting Things Done

The Steering Committee meets by telephone conference to enable everyone from around the country to participate. These monthly calls are held at 9am on the first Friday of every month. The Steering Committee is responsible for the good governance of the iAwards programme and to ensure that the resources provided by stakeholders to conduct the iAwards programme are effectively and efficiently applied to achieve the agreed goals set down in the MOU. The Steering Committee appoints the Chief Judge, Judges Council and a number of Working Groups to engage volunteers from across the ICT to achieve our goal.

### MCI – iAwards Commercial Partner

After an open tender process early in 2013 the Steering Committee selected MCI Australia to deliver the iAwards for the next three years.

MCI Australia is Australia's leading meeting and event management company offering 31 years' experience and the successful track record of over 1,000 major meetings and events, including conferences, corporate incentives and destination management. With offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney they offer a national support operations across Australia for the iAwards.

**As the contracted commercial partner MCI provide a single source of truth for all iAwards activities and it is important that all volunteers fully inform MCI of their activities to enable effective and professional coordination of the iAwards Programme.**

### Working Groups

The Steering Committee appoints the Chief Judge and the Judges Council that is made up of the Associate Judges for Development, Industry, Pioneer, Professional, Service, Society and Student Domains. The Judges Council is responsible for the integrity and oversight of the judging process. This includes the recruitment, induction and conduct of all the judges.

The other Working Groups include:

Sponsorship

Australia 3.0

MasterClass

Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner

Each Working Group has a chair, staff from each of the Host Organisations and volunteers.

## Organisation of the Steering Committee and the Working Groups



The iAwards could not function without sponsorship and a large cohort of volunteers. It is the responsibility of the Host Organisations to open up and foster sufficient sponsorship opportunities for MCI to achieve the sponsorship budget. David Addison at MCI chairs the Sponsorship Working Group to ensure that this most important function is successful. Any company or ICT professional can volunteer to participate in the iAwards Working Groups. The Working Group structure is designed to spread the workload across many volunteers and 'white knight' solo efforts are strongly discouraged. Everyone participating in a Working Group should feel empowered to invite people in their network to get involved. Each Working Group Chair should be actively recruiting their replacement and ensuring that all tasks are planned well in advance so that Working Groups can engage sufficient numbers to get everything done in time to ensure a professionally run programme.



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